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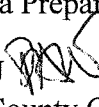
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Alma Pereira, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV14-6375-RCK

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-reference matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Alma Pereira, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. CV-14-6375-RCK in the amount of \$250,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit alleges that Sheriff's Department medical staff did not provide adequate care and treatment to an inmate thereby contributing to his death.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Alma Pereira, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV14-6375-RCK
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	August 13, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	John Burton, Esq. The Law Offices of John Burton
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian, Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On November 23, 2013, Daniel Pereira, was arrested for a parole violation. On November 25, 2013, Mr. Pereira was transferred to the custody of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department ("LASD"). He was suffering from heroin and alcohol withdrawal.</p> <p>Mr. Pereira's medical condition became further complicated and on November 30, 2013, he died as a result of abdominal infection.</p> <p>The surviving family of Mr. Pereira brought a federal action against the County of Los Angeles alleging that the LASD medical staff did not provide adequate care and treatment to Mr. Pereira thereby contributing to his death.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 129,597
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 6,471